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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

1. WEEKEND MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT, HIGHLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S STATEMENTS MARCH 4 AFTER TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES ON U.S. AID TO PORTUGAL, TO SUPPLEMENTAL FY 77 APPROPRIATION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, AND TO MARCH 4 SIGNING OF U.S. HOUSING LOAN AND USG GUARANTY FOR PRIVATE-SECTOR HOUSING LOANS.

2. CONSORTIUM LOAN: PRESS AND TV PLAY ON AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 4 AIRPORT ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE GAVE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THERE WERE ANY STRINGS TO U.S. AID, A THEME PLAYED LOUDLY BY COMMUNIST PRESS. SAMPLE RESULTING FRONT-PAGE HEWFTINES: OPORTO'S CENTER "PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO" OF MARCH 5 -- "THERE ARE NO POLITICAL CONDITIONS WHATEVER FOR AMERICAN LOAN, U.S. AMBASSADOR ASSERTS"; SOCIALIST "A LUTA" OF MARCH 4 -- "1.5 BILLION DOLLAR LOAN HAS NO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS WHATEVER NOR DOES IT IMPOSE CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND"; AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI GUARANTEES UPON RETURN FROM USA"; CENTER-LEFT "DIARIO POPULAR" OF MARCH 4 -- "CARLUCCI UPON RETURN
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TO LISBON: U.S. LOAN HAS NO POLITICAL CONDITIONS WHATEVER".

3. HOUSING LOAN: MANY MARCH 5 NEWSPAPERS GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO MARCH 4 SIGNING OF \$10 MILLION HOUSING LOAN BY AMBASSADOR AND RONMIN. CENTER RIGHT "O DIA" HEADLINE WAS: "IN AGREEMENT SIGNED YESTERDAY: U.S. HELPS PORTUGAL IN HOUSING AREA."

4. MILITARY ASSISTANCE: SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL WAS REPORTED, MOSTLY IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER ASSISTANCE NEWS. COMMUNIST "O DIARIO OF MARCH 5 CARRIED VITRIOLIC PIECE ABOUT U.S. MILITARY AID TO PORTUGAL (ALWAYS MENTIONING "AID" IN QUOTES, TERMING U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE SIMPLY A SMOKE SCREEN FOR FOREIGN ARMS SALES).

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